

This Week in History (Oct. 11-Oct. 17)

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True Father's Release from Hungnam Prison (October 14, 1950, Hungnam, South Hamgyong Province, North Korea)

True Father was freed from Hungnam Prison on October 14, 1950. Known as one of the harshest North Korean prisons, life there was horrendous. Despite the environment, Father conveyed the word and witnessed. Later, thanks to God's intervention, UN forces landed in Korea, enabling Father's release. Upon release, Father took his disciple from prison to Pyongyang and tried to also gather those whom he had witnessed to before being incarcerated. True Parents, thereafter, have held events to commemorate Father's release and have celebrated this day alongside major events such as the Six-Thousand-Couple Blessing Ceremony in 1982 and the Liberation Ceremony of the Spiritual World in 2000. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Six-Thousand-Couple Blessing Ceremony (October 14, 1982, Jamshil Gymnasium, Seoul)

On October 14, 1982, True Parents officiated the Six-Thousand-Couple Blessing Ceremony in Jamshil Gymnasium, Seoul. With brides and grooms from eighty-five countries, this Blessing Ceremony transcended nationality and became a driving force in bringing the Blessing Ceremony onto the world

stage. True Father said, “Now, the number six thousand has no connection to Satan on the family level. By overcoming the number of the satanic world on the family level, we can now move on to the realm of liberation.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth
(October 16, 2002, Guri Training Center, Gyeonggi Province)**

On October 16, 2002, the northern rally for the harmony and unity of heaven and earth was held for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk in Guri Training Center, Gyeonggi Province. Around four thousand people, including key members and peace ambassadors, partook in this rally. The southern rally was held on October 20 at Sun Moon University and attracted around twelve thousand people. Through the speech, “God’s Homeland and One World,” True Father emphasized, “It is humankind’s mission and responsibility today to find and restore the ideal world God had envisioned in the beginning but that was lost through the Fall.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

